

The following message from the Governor was then submitted:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }
AUSTIN, April 10, 1873. }

Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas :

SIR: I return to your house, where it originated, the act entitled "An act to authorize the county or police courts of Washington and Grimes counties to aid in the construction of the Brazos bridge, near the town of Washington, in Washington county, Texas."

This act was inadvertently signed by me among a number of other bills. I find, on closer examination, that it is directly violative of section thirty-two of article twelve of the Constitution, which provides that county courts may aid works of internal improvement only after consent of two-thirds of the qualified voters of the county. My approval thus inadvertently given to this act I have erased.

I therefore ask that the act be reconsidered.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Dallas, the message and bill were referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.